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and earth conductors strung over 120 miles and 65 miles of the line respectively. The entire line is expected to be completed before the end of 1953.

" (b) Many of the civil engineering works and a good part of work relating to the Power House and sub-stations have been completed and the other items are in an advanced stage of construction. Most of the machinery required ordered from overseas has arrived and has been transported to the site.

" (c) The first generator in the power house is expected to commence operation by about the middle of 1954 and the entire scheme is expected to be completed by the end of 1957."

SRI K. KRISHNA RAO :—" డబ్బులేవనే సాకుతోటి ఈ project ను slow down చేయడమనేది జరిగిందా ? "

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" Notice, Sir."

*Relief to victims of fire.*

* 327 Q.—SRI R. S. ARUMUGAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state whether it is a fact that compensation is refused to the Harijans, when their houses are set fire to by othesr, while it is given when houses are burnt accidentally?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" No distinction is made between Harijans and Caste Hindus in the matter of relief to victims of fire. Relief is granted in all cases in which the outbreak of fire is accidental. But in cases of arson or in cases where mischief is suspected, there is no legal obligation on the part of the Government to grant any relief to the victims. They have, however, been sanctioning relief in genuine cases on compassionate grounds."

SRI R. S. ARUMUGAM :—" May I know whether the Government will be pleased to reconsider the question of sanctioning relief to the Harijans in cases of arson and in cases where mischief is suspected? In view of the fact that the refusal of such relief will be a sort of encouragement to the opponents to bring down the poor Harijans by such unfair methods, will the Government be pleased to sanction relief to such victims? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" I have already said that even in non-accidental cases relief is being given."

*Retrenchment of workers in Sree Saila Industries near Quilandy, Malabar.*

* 328 Q.—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state whether the Government got any memorandum from the workers of the Sree Saila Industries near Quilandy, Malabar, regarding their grievances, and if so, the action taken thereon?